

Youth Initiative Program

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MEETING REMINDER

The Youth Initiative Program (YIP) will hold its next networking meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006, at 5300 E. Paisano, El Paso Housing Authority - Assembly Room. Please make plans to attend. For information call the YIP office at (915) 298-9600.



This month's scheduled speaker will be Rene Hurtado, Public Affairs Officer of Time Warner Cable who will speak about their free educational programming for teachers.

YIP Awarded Tobacco Grant

The Youth Initiative Program, Crimes Against Children Section, has been awarded an \$18,000 grant from the Texas Comptroller's Office. Activities for the grant will include compliance education of retailers, compliance inspections, and enforcement. Contact: Officer Louie Romero at (915) 298-9670.



Halloween Safety Brochures

Free brochures "Safety Tips for Halloween" will again be provided by the American Legion Law Enforcement Post 74 at the Oct. 19th YIP meeting. Schools are encouraged to pick up a supply for distribution to students. Contact: lwenfpst74@juno.com.



Children's Book Drive Kicks Off

Gem's Gems Books for Kids, a local non-profit organization dedicated to promoting literacy among youth, kicked off their 2nd annual citywide Children's Book Drive on Saturday. Congressman Pat Haggerty (pictured right) along with El Paso author Ed Saenz (middle) read to the children.

Last year, over 16,000 books were collected, sorted by age level, and redistributed back to the community.

Donations are requested for new or gently used children's books, English or Spanish, for ages 12 and under. Through the EPPD/Youth Initiative Program collection bins are located at each Police Regional Command Center and Headquarters, now through Oct. 22, 2006. Contact: Cindy Facker (915) 833-7201, cindy@cindyfacker.com.



Ft. Bliss Substance Abuse Program and Volunteer Corps are sponsoring a Make a Difference Day Alcohol Awareness Rally on Friday, Oct. 20, from 1-5 p.m. at the First Light Federal Credit Union parking lot on Marshall Road. The community is invited. You will need a driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance to get a pass to enter Ft. Bliss. This fun, festive, and educational event is free. Try out the new simulated impaired driving experience, or SIDNE car! For information, please call: (915) 568-1132 or (915) 568-1033.

October is Red Ribbon Month... Stand Up and Be Counted!



The 4th Annual Red Ribbon Rally & Carnival will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 3-7 p.m. at Bowie High School. Sponsored by Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition, this free anti-substance abuse event will include entertainment, displays, exhibits, games, door prizes, and much more! Try the new simulated impaired driving experience and Fatal Vision goggles. Food sold by vendors. Contact: (915) 775-2555.

"Watch Your Car" Month

The El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force (ATTF) is pleased to announce that City Council has issued a Proclamation declaring October as "Watch Your Car Month". This is part of a statewide campaign intended to raise public awareness and to provide crime prevention tips to help citizens of Texas to avoid becoming victims of auto theft. Texas is #2 in the nation for auto thefts behind California, which is #1.

Officers will be providing information throughout the city and registering vehicles for H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft), a statewide program authorizing Law Enforcement Officers to stop your vehicle to verify ownership between the hours of 1 a.m. - 5 a.m.

H.E.A.T. Registrations, 1 - 5 PM:

Oct. 4 - Albertson's, 9111 Dyer
Oct. 5 - Albertson's, 10765 Kenworthy
Oct. 6 - K-Mart, 9484 Dyer
Oct. 7 - Wal-Mart, 4530 Woodrow Bean/Trans Mountain Road.

Contact: Officer Steve Plummer, ATTF, at (915) 564-7117.



Houchen Hosts Teen Classes

The Houchen Community Center, located at 609 South Tays, is hosting "Gang Life Dangers", a series of anti-gang classes for teens, ages 13-19. This segment further supports the Los Duros and Las Mujeres Fuertes programs provided at the Center. Contact: Joel Alvarez at 533-6445.

UTEP Sponsors National "Love Your Body Day"

A health fair will be held on Friday, October 20th in the Union Breezeway from 10am - 2pm. For a display table, please contact Erika Portillo (no items can be sold). During the fair, for about an hour, the Physical Therapy program will be hosting Physical Therapy Olympics with wheelchair races and other entertaining activities. Contact: edportillo@utep.edu or 915-747-5291.



OLO GALLERY Grand Opening

There will be a grand opening of OLO GALLERY, by the people who brought you Creative Kids, on Thursday, October 19, from 5:30-8:00 P.M. The Gallery is located at Union Plaza, 504 San Francisco St. Rain or shine, there will be a live auction and exhibit of Creative Kids Artwork, great food & drink, door prizes, and much, much more. For info call 915.533.9575 or andrea@creativekidsart.org.



4-H Schedule for October

October 1-7 National 4-H Week. What is your club doing and what are you doing to promote 4-H in El Paso?

October 2, Monday 4-H Adult Leaders' Association and Teen Council business meetings; 6:30 p.m., Texas A&M Center, 1380 A & M Circle, El Paso. Meetings are open to all 4 families and 4-H friends.

Special recognition for 2006 4-H Record Book Winners will be conducted with the 4-H ALA and TC meetings at 6:30 p.m., Texas A&M Center, El Paso.

County 4-H Food Show entries due to the County Extension Office, Mission Valley Annex. Check with your club 4-H Food-Nutrition Project Leaders for more information and instructions.

October 14, Saturday County 4-H Food Show at Mission Trails Harvest Market, El Paso.

October 30, Monday 4-H Club Entries due for Purple Award recognition. Creative reports on 4-H Club promotion results during National 4-H Week. There is no report form, it is your creative method to show what you achieved

New Address: County Extension Agent 4-H, Texas A&M Cooperative Extension, El Paso County Extension Office, Mission Valley Annex, 190 San Elizario Road, P.O. Box 929, Clint, TX 79836; Telephone 915-851-2515 Ext. 232; Fax 915-851-5312; j-rodgers@tamu.edu; Web site <http://elp.tamu.edu>.

Thanks Community Action Team!

The Community Action Team (CAT), Crimes Against Children Section, was disbanded in Sept 2006 after 8 years of successful crime reduction throughout various troubled neighborhoods in the community. Thanks to the all officers who served on the CAT team.



El Paso's first Tour de Tolerance will be held on October 22, presented by and benefiting the El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center. It will include three courses - a 100k, 50k and a 10k Family Ride originating at Fort Bliss' Noel Field. Registration is \$30 for adults/\$20 for kids. Medallions will be given to all finishers along with celebratory meal following ride; event packets, t-shirt and refreshments. Contact: Lori Gaman at (915) 549-0719 or ljgaman@sbcglobal.net.

Attention Deficit Disorder Seminar

October 7, 2006, at the Education Service Center Region 19, 6611 Boeing from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Adults only; no childcare available. Pre-register by Oct. 4 for \$10; after Oct. 4th for \$15. The program will include: ADD Treatments—New Treatment Approaches, Psychotherapy Services of El Paso, ADD and Crime, Coping Skills, Behavioral Interventions, and Academic Accommodations. Learn about traditional/non-traditional interventions and the dangers common to ADD "fix its". Contact: El Paso Rehabilitation Center, Gilda Lopez at (915) 544-8484.



Rio Grande Safe Communities will host a Youth Conference on November 4, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the BJP Catering & Entertainment, located at 11240 Montwood Drive, Ste. R. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided; prizes, guest speakers, and more. Contact Mary Ellen Hernandez (915) 775-2555.



Regional Parental Conference

The Ninth Annual Regional Parental Engagement Conference will be held at Canutillo High School, 6675 South Desert Blvd., on Saturday, Nov. 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Registration is \$20. Participants will attend two keynote addresses as well as other topics such as parenting skills, involvement, math, science, reading, TAKS, TEKS, special education, and nutrition; sessions in both English and Spanish. For information contact Albert Segovia, EPISD Program Assistant/Parental Involvement at (915) 779-4211 or afsegovi@episod.org or register online at www.esc19.net; click on "Workshops". Contact: Darlene Bruce (915) 780-5349 or dbBruce@esc19.net.

Using Strategic Planning to Ensure Your Organization's Relevance

"How do you know if your organization is relevant? The answer is, you don't decide; the community decides. Strategic planning is a process that tests your relevancy, stimulates change and provides a roadmap to move into the future. This session will help you to understand the fundamental concepts of institutional strategic planning as well as how to identify the type of information needed for effective planning."

A free audio conference will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 12 at the Nonprofit Enterprise Center, 1812 Hunter Drive, El Paso. The audio conference, sponsored by the El Paso-Las Cruces Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, focuses on institutional strategic planning (not fundraising). Please RSVP to Veronica Lira at 915-590-1333 or e-mail veronica@nonprofitec.org.

Participation qualifies for 1.5 points toward CFRE continuing education requirements.

CASA's Mission for Children

Court Appointed Special Advocates of El Paso trains and supports volunteers from the community to advocate for abused and neglected children who need representation in the family court system, striving to provide them a safe and permanent home.

There are many children in El Paso County who do not get to experience the joys of their young lives because they find themselves in court without a voice and without someone looking out for their best interests. But you can change that—by becoming a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate).

In 2005, CASA had over 100 volunteers who were able to serve 302 of the 500 plus children in foster care. Ninety percent of children served by CASA do not experience further maltreatment. Twenty percent of children served by CASA are in permanent homes within twelve months.

With your help, CASA will be able to train enough volunteers to serve all of the children in foster care. Please call Frankie Carreon at 546-8146 ext. 6 for information on how to become a voice for a neglected or an abused child, or for a presentation on CASA.



Texas Medical Rangers Seek Volunteers

The Texas Medical Rangers (TMR) is a uniformed organization composed of medical and non-medical volunteers who train to assist public health authorities in the event of a natural or man-made emergency. TMR is a nationally recognized unit of the U.S. Surgeon Generals' network of Medical Reserve Corps local volunteer citizen organizations, available for missions only within Texas. TMR is looking for current and retired health care professionals; individuals with prior military; students in health professional, any community service oriented person wanting to help in event of disaster. Visit TMR website at www.texasmedicalrangers.com for application.



Helpline Directory Updates

YIP welcomes new member Early Childhood Intervention Program! Please add to your Helpline Directory:

EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION PROGRAM (ECI)

1101 E. Schuster, El Paso, TX 79902
(915) 534-4ECI (4324)

E-mail: childfind@elprc.org

Web site: www.dars.state.tx.us

Service: Developmental services; Assistive technology services; Family counseling; Physical, occupational, and speech therapy; Service coordination; Vision services; Audiology; Family education & support services; Nutrition services; Screening and assessment.

Eligibility: Under age 3; medical diagnosis; developmental delay; Atypical development

Fees: Free developmental screening.

Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Intake Procedure: Call or fax referral

Geographic Area Served: El Paso & Hudspeth County

Other: Statewide ECI referral line 1-800-250-2246

NCED Mental Health Center, 1900 Denver has closed. Please delete.

Grant Writing Position

Project Vida Health Center has an entry-level opening for an assistant grants writer. The applicant should have strong English writing skills and be able to work comfortably with Excel and Word documents. The applicant should be committed to programs serving low-income families and able to work collaboratively with others. Please e-mail resume and a writing sample to Bill Schlesinger, Project Vida at 3607 Rivera Ave, El Paso, TX 79905; (915) 533-7057 Ext. 207; (915) 490-6148 mobile; (915) 533-7158 fax; or e-mail bschlesinger.pv@tachc.org.

MARS - Multi Agency Referral System

This schedule includes feeder schools to their respective high school.

High School	Date/Time	Contact/Phone/Fax/EMail
Chapin Library # 151	2006: 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11 2007: 2/12, 3/19, 4/16, 5/7 (Monday @ 8:45 a.m.)	Barbara Augustine 832-6730/565-9794 bjaugust@episd.org
El Dorado A118	2006: to start in Oct.; Dates 2007: to be determined (Thursday @ 1:30 p.m.)	Gina Reyes, CIS 937-3253/851-7820 greyes08@sisd.net
El Paso Library	2006: 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12 2007: 1/9, 2/20, 3/20, 4/10, 5/8 (Tuesday @ 9 a.m.)	Christina Soria 496-8300/532-2008 cmsoria@episd.org
Fabens Library	2006: 9/20, 10/25, 11/15, 12/13 2007: 1/17, 2/21, 3/21, 4/25, 5/16 (Wednesday @ noon)	Claudia Andrade 892-2344 candrade@fabensisd.net
Franklin Teachers Rm.	2006: 10/18, 11/15, 12/13, 2007: 1/17, 2/14, 3/14, 4/18, 5/16 (Wednesday @ 10 a.m.)	Rachel Olguin 832-6600/587-4094 rolguin@episd.org
Hanks Teacher's Rm.	2006: 9/26, 10/24, 11/28 2007: 1/30, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/22 (Tuesday @ 9:00 a.m.)	position vacant 434-5188/598-4621

**"MARS" at El Paso High School**

El Paso High School resumed the Multi-Agency Referral System/MARS meetings for the 2006-2007 school year on Sept. 12 (pictured above).

MARS provides the cooperative delivery of social services to students at a level where they can be further supported through their school. The meetings, facilitated by Christina Soria, At-Risk Counselor at El Paso High, address student, family, and community issues for the high school and its feeder schools. The next meeting is Oct. 10, at 9 a.m. in the library. Agencies are encouraged to participate in the MARS meetings.

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